

REMARKS

Applicant thankfully acknowledges the Examiner's voicemail message of April 30, 2003, regarding Applicant's proposed amendments to the claims. With entry of this amendment, claims 1, 14, 21, and 28 have been amended. Claims 1-19, 21-26, 28-39, and 67-89 remain pending. Reconsideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 1-19, 21-26, 28-39, and 67-89 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 14, 21, and 28 to delete the phrase "wherein biomolecules may be transported to the microlocations by the application of an electronic potential to the microelectrode." Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration of the claims as currently amended.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims, as amended, are free of the cited art and are in position for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this communication, or feels that an interview might facilitate prosecution of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (949) 737-2903.

Respectfully submitted,

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